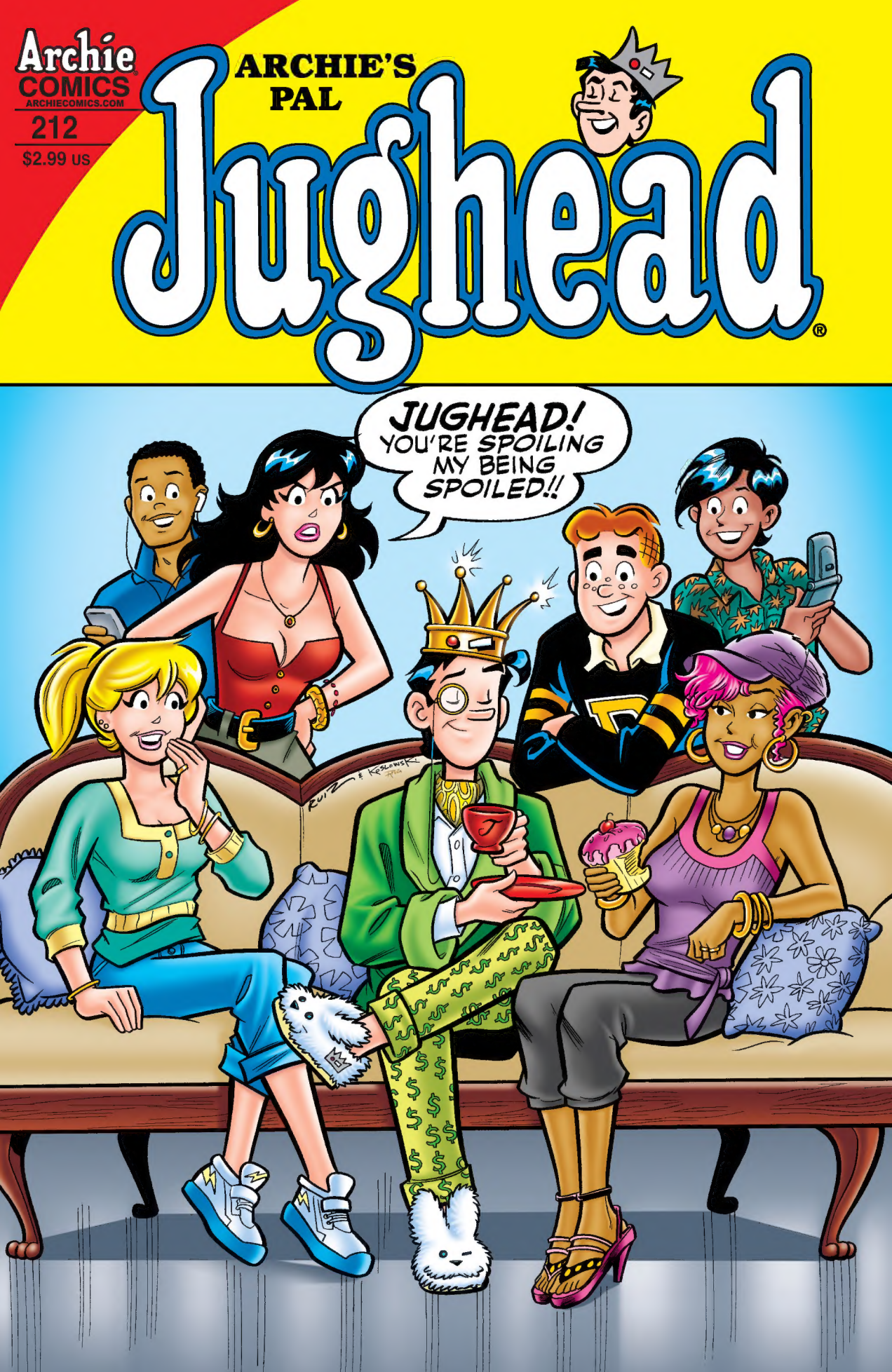
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JUGHEAD! YOU'RE SPOILING MY BEING SPOILED!!

OOPS!!
KRASH!
MRS. JONES AND JELLYBEAN! HIYA!
TONI!* SORRY!
*TONI'S FIRST APPEARANCE WAS IN JUGHEAD DOUBLE DIGEST #176... WHERE SHE BEAT JUG IN AN EATING CONTEST./--KINDA./...
YOU LOOK A LITTLE LOST!
I AM! I USUALLY DO MY SHOPPING AT THE WAREHOUSE CLUBS!
Bakery
I ALWAYS BOUGHT GROCERIES IN BULK FOR-- WELL, UM...
I KNOW! JUGHEAD JONES!
HAVE YOU SEEN HIM? HOW'S MY SON DOING?
FRANKLY, MRS. JONES...
...I THINK SUNSHINE'S READY TO COME HOME! JUG'S FEELING A LITTLE LIKE A FAILURE./ DEFEATED!

OH, KNOWING JUG, HE'LL PUT THE BEST POSSIBLE SPIN ON IT.
BUT MARK MY WORDS, YOU CAN EXPECT TO SEE HIM HOME SOON.
THANKS FOR THE HEADS UP, TONI!
A JUGHEAD IN THE FAMILY
PART SIX
THE Pleasure OF HIS COMPANY
ALL GOOD THINGS MUST COME TO AN END! AND SO MUST THIS TRAIN WRECK OF A DISASTER OF A CALAMITY OF A NIGHTMARE!
NICE SPIN!
YOU MEAN...?
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IT'S TIME FOR ME AND MY ANIMAL COMPANION TO GO HOME!
ARE YOU SURE?
DO I HAVE AN OPTION? I'VE PRETTY MUCH BURNED ALL THE BRIDGES IN TOWN BEHIND ME!
ARCH, I'VE FREELOADED OFF YOU, REG, ETHEL, MOOSE, TRULA TWYST...
AND BETWEEN CHAPTERS, I EVEN PUT SOME TIME WITH DILTON, CHUCK, MR. WEATHERBEE...
CRICKETT O'DELL, SABRINA AND HER AUNTS, RAJ PATEL, JINX MOLLOY...
THAT WILKIN BOY, PAT THE BRAT, LESTER COOL AND CHESTER SQUARE, MAD DOCTOR DOOM, PROFESSOR TRANSISTOR...
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I YEARN FOR THE COMPANY OF MY BABY SISTER JELLYBEAN, MY MOM, EVEN MY GROUCHY DAD!
NOT TO MENTION MY VERY OWN OVER-STUFFED PILLOW, AND MY BELOVED OVERSTUFFED FRIDGE!
SO MY TRAVELIN' SHOES ARE POINTIN' TOWARDS HOME, AND THERE AIN'T NOTHIN' GONNA STOP ME!
BUMP!
AHEM!
AND WHAT AM I, FOIE GRAS?
"FOIE GRAS"?
THAT'S CHOPPED LIVER TO US MERE MORTALS!

HOW CAN YOU POSSIBLY CALL THIS JOURNEY COMPLETE WITHOUT A VISIT TO THE GOOD SIDE OF TOWN?
ER...YOU'RE OFFERING TO TAKE HIM IN?
I'M SURE WE CAN FIND SPACE AMONG OUR THIRTY-FOUR GUEST ROOMS!
BUT, VERONICA! YOU CAN'T STAND THE GUY!
YEAH, BUT EVEN MORE, I CAN'T STAND BEING EXCLUDED!
IF YOU RIFF-RAFF CAN PUT UP WITH HIM, US BLUE-BLOODS OF THE LODGE FAMILY CAN BITE THE BULLET, TOO!
NO OFFENSE, BUT I'M NOT INTO THAT ELITE, HOITY-SCHMANCY LIFESTYLE! I'M TOO REGULAR JOE, SALT OF THE EARTH...
WE HAVE GOURMET CANINE TREATS PREPARED DAILY BY OUR ON-STAFF FRENCH CHEF!

WHERE DID THAT "MAN'S BEST FRIEND" MYTH EVER COME FROM, ANYWAY?
SIT DOWN, DADDY! I BROUGHT SOMETHING HOME!
JUGHEAD IS MOVING IN WITH US!
OH, WHAT A RELIEF!
I THOUGHT YOU'D GONE ON ANOTHER CREDIT CARD-MELTING SHOPPING SPREE!
THINK OF JUGHEAD AS ONE OF THE FAMILY! THAT'S ORDERS FROM ON HIGH!

I CAN THINK THE MOON IS MADE OUT OF PINK LEMONADE, BUT THAT DOESN'T MAKE IT SO.!
A JONES GRAFTED ONTO THE LODGE FAMILY TREE?! BRRR.!
NOW, NOW! REMEMBER, WE ARE PROFESSIONALS! WE SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE FAMILY.!
SMITHERS, YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF HIS CLOTHES.! HE CLASHES WITH THE DECOR.!
D-oh!
SOME DAYS, BUTLING ISN'T ALL IT'S CRACKED UP TO BE.!
MASTER JUGHEAD, I'VE FILLED YOUR CLOSETS WITH ALL THE LATEST FORMAL AND CASUAL WEAR FROM ITALY.!
THIS, YOU CALL CASUAL?! I COULD SLICE CHEESE WITH THE CREASES ON THESE PANTS!!
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NO OFFENSE, SMITTY, BUT WE OF THE NOBLE JONES LINEAGE WOULDN'T BE CAUGHT DEAD IN THESE SOAP OPERA SPECIALS!
THE DUDS I'M WEARING HAVE LOW MILEAGE ON 'EM... I'LL STICK WITH THESE!
I HAVE MY MARCHING ORDERS, SIR!
CAN'T DO MUCH ABOUT THAT FACE OF YOURS, BUT THE REST WE CAN COVER WITH A SUIT!
SUIT?!
HOLD STILL, YOU'RE JIGGLING THE HERRING-BONE RIGHT OUT OF THE FABRIC!
OH, NO... YOU WON'T GET AWAY THAT EASILY!!
SLITHER!
FWOMP!
GOTCHA!!
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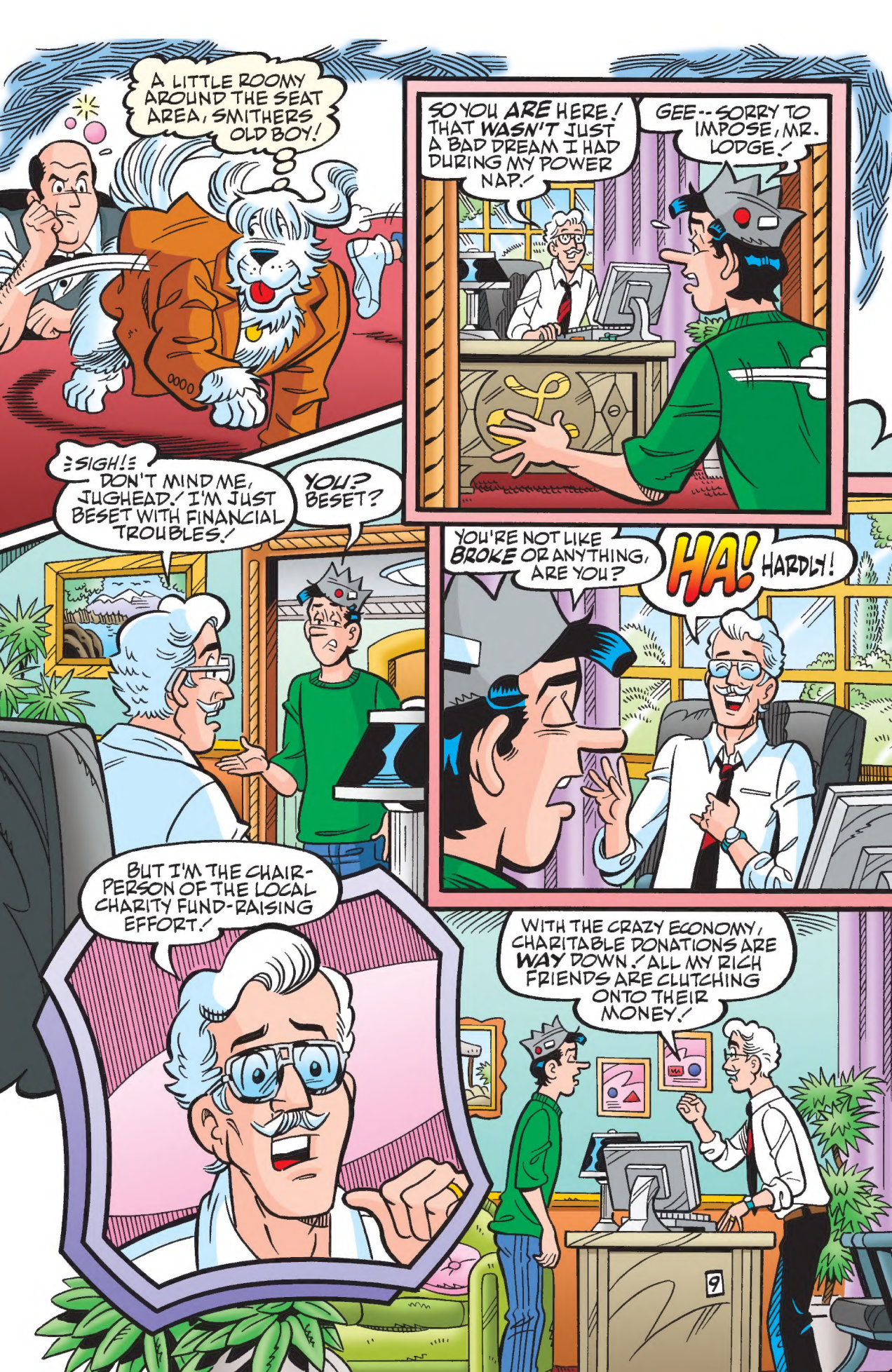
A LITTLE ROOMY AROUND THE SEAT AREA, SMITHERS OLD BOY!
SO YOU ARE HERE! THAT WASN'T JUST A BAD DREAM I HAD DURING MY POWER NAP!
GEE--SORRY TO IMPOSE, MR. LODGE!
:SIGH!: DON'T MIND ME, JUGHEAD! I'M JUST BESET WITH FINANCIAL TROUBLES!
YOU? BESET?
YOU'RE NOT LIKE BROKE OR ANYTHING, ARE YOU?
HA!
HARDLY!
BUT I'M THE CHAIR-PERSON OF THE LOCAL CHARITY FUND-RAISING EFFORT!
WITH THE CRAZY ECONOMY, CHARITABLE DONATIONS ARE WAY DOWN! ALL MY RICH FRIENDS ARE CLUTCHING ONTO THEIR MONEY!
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IF I DON'T GET THEM TO LOOSEN UP, IT'LL REFLECT BADLY UPON MY LEADERSHIP.
ER... SAY, SON...
YOU'RE LOOKING A LITTLE THIN. WHY DON'T YOU GO PESTER--ER--VISIT GASTON IN THE KITCHEN?
I'LL DO DAT.
A COUPLE OF MY MONEYBAG FRIENDS ARE COMING OVER NOW. IT'LL BE HARD ENOUGH PRYING THEIR WALLETS OPEN WITHOUT THAT SCRUFFY TEENAGER UNDERFOOT!
AH, WORCHESTER! DROLLINGTON. SO PLEASED TO SEE YOU!
YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME, LODGE.
HEYA, GASTY!
JOOGHAID?!*
ZE FIRST RULE EEZ: NEVAIR DISTURB ZE ARTIST WHEN HE EEZ CREATING!!
*JUGHEAD IN FRENCH. KINDA...
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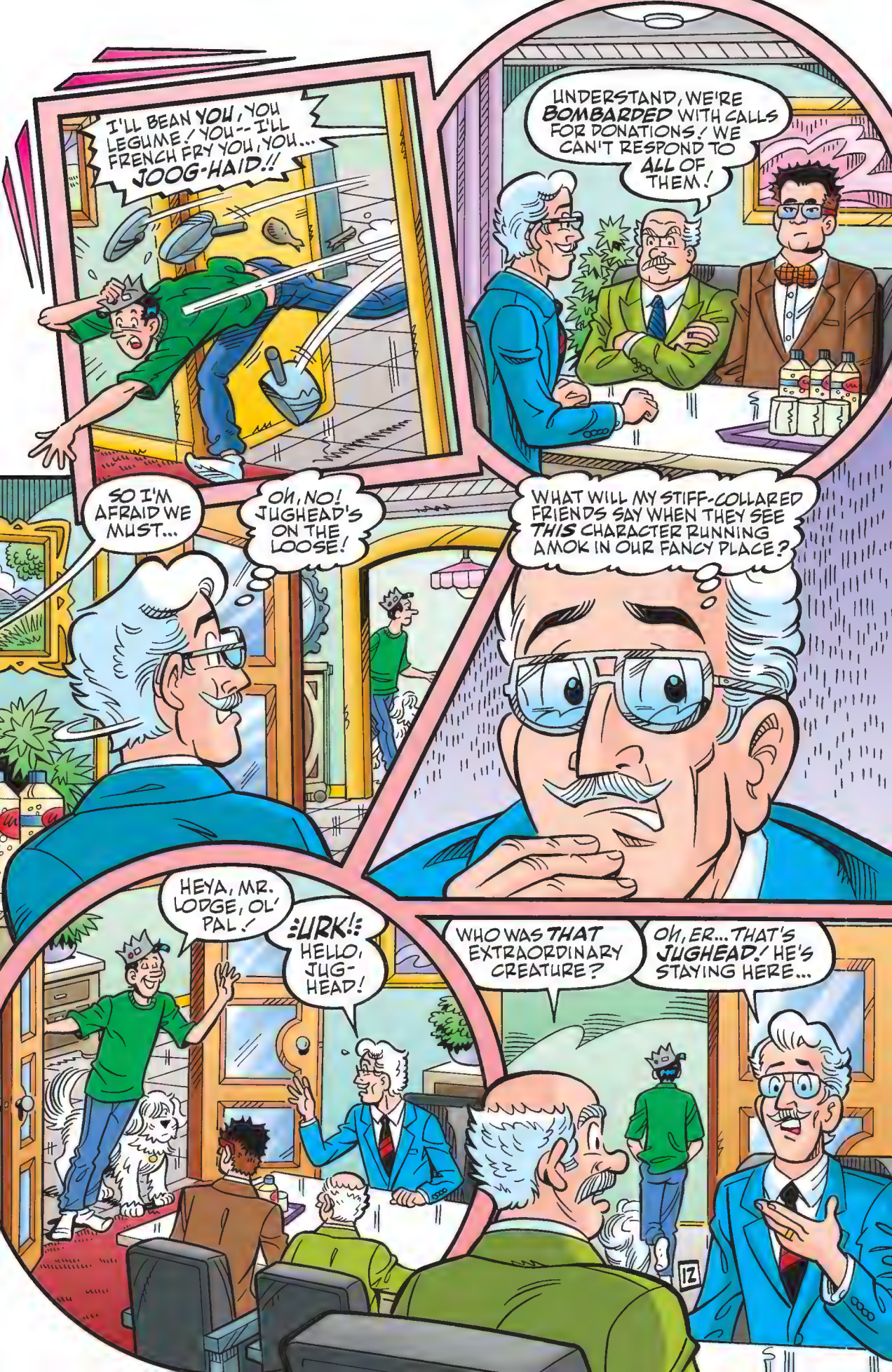
Ah, RUSTLIN' UP SOME GRUB, THEN, ARE WE?
"RUSTLIN"?! LE "GRUB"?
GASP!!
I KNOW WHERE YOU'RE COMIN' FROM.' I'M SOMETHING OF AN ARTIST IN MY OWN KITCHEN.'
MOSTLY IT'S JUST GRABBING WHAT'S HANDY AND THROWING IT IN THE POT.' SOMETIMES I EVEN CLOSE MY EYES!
I CHURNED UP A GOODIE LAST WEEK! AS I RECALL, IT WAS A MESS OF TATER TOTS, CRANBERRY SAUCE AND CARAMEL FUDGE ON A SLAB OF COLD PIZZA.'
WHAT?!
ZE BEANS?! ZE WEENIES?!
JUST POINT ME TO THE BEANS AND WEENIES AND I'LL GET OUT OF YOUR WAY.'
Hmm... JUDGING BY THIS CONCOCTION, I'D COUNCIL YOU TO KEEP AT LEAST ONE EYE OPEN NEXT TIME.'
SNAP!!


I'LL BEAN YOU, YOU LEGUME! YOU-- I'LL FRENCH FRY YOU, YOU... JOOG-HAID!!
UNDERSTAND, WE'RE BOMBARDED WITH CALLS FOR DONATIONS! WE CAN'T RESPOND TO ALL OF THEM!
SO I'M AFRAID WE MUST...
OH, NO! JUGHEAD'S ON THE LOOSE!
WHAT WILL MY STIFF-COLLARED FRIENDS SAY WHEN THEY SEE THIS CHARACTER RUNNING AMOK IN OUR FANCY PLACE?
HEYA, MR. LODGE, OL' PAL!
:URK!: HELLO, JUG-HEAD!
WHO WAS THAT EXTRAORDINARY CREATURE?
OH, ER... THAT'S JUGHEAD! HE'S STAYING HERE...
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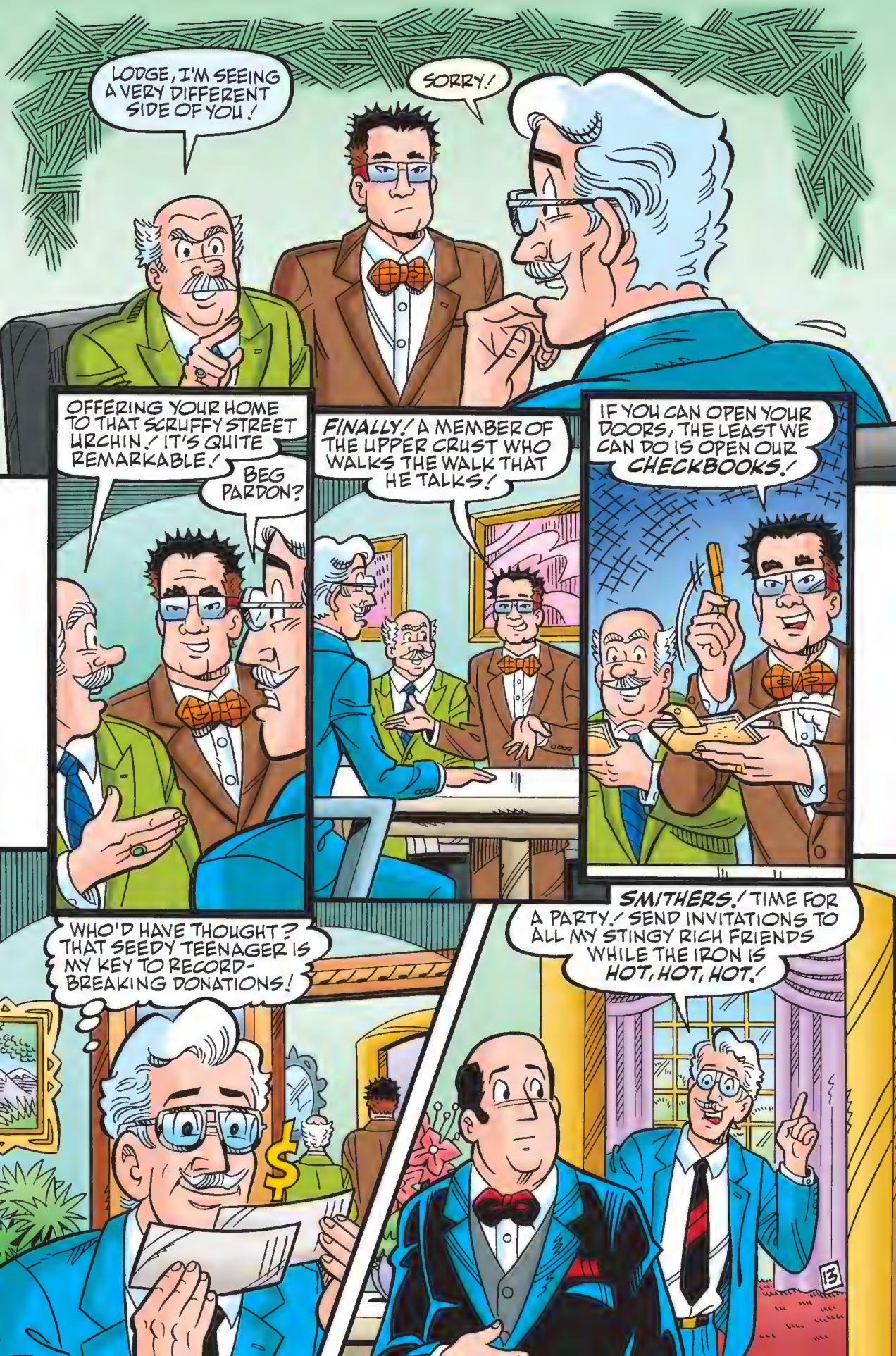
LODGE, I'M SEEING A VERY DIFFERENT SIDE OF YOU!
SORRY!
OFFERING YOUR HOME TO THAT SCRUFFY STREET URCHIN! IT'S QUITE REMARKABLE!
BEG PARDON?
FINALLY! A MEMBER OF THE UPPER CRUST WHO WALKS THE WALK THAT HE TALKS!
IF YOU CAN OPEN YOUR DOORS, THE LEAST WE CAN DO IS OPEN OUR CHECKBOOKS!
WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT? THAT SEEDY TEENAGER IS MY KEY TO RECORD-BREAKING DONATIONS!
SMITHERS! TIME FOR A PARTY! SEND INVITATIONS TO ALL MY STINGY RICH FRIENDS WHILE THE IRON IS HOT, HOT, HOT!
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SO OUR SON JUGHEAD'S VENTURE INTO THE BIG SCARY WORLD HAS BEEN A GREAT BIG FLOP!
WELL... THAT'S A RUMOR...
HE'S DRAGGING HIS SORRY CROWN BACK HOME?
I DON'T WANT YOU GLOATING!
DEAR, PLEASE! IT'S A PARENT'S JOB TO PICK HIS CHILD UP WHEN HE FALLS! AND THAT'S WHAT I INTEND TO DO!
THERE'LL BE PLENTY OF TIME FOR GLOATING LATER!
Hmph!!
MY BOY'S COMING HOME! HOO-HOO! MY BOY'S COMING HOME!
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SEE? I TOLD YOU HE'D TRY TO SNEAK AWAY!
HERE'S YOUR BUCK!
YAH!
SO, THINGS ARE PRETTY GRIM IN THERE, HUH?
OH, YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE!
THE FINE CLOTHES! THE PERSONAL SERVANTS! THE FINE ART! VAST RICHES! WHO CAN LIVE LIKE THAT?!
JUG! THEY'RE JUST BEING WHO THEY ARE! YOU EXPECT THEM TO BEND TO SUIT YOUR SLOVENLY LIFE-STYLE?!
IT'S THE LODGES' WORLD, AND YOU'RE LIVING IN IT NOW! MAYBE YOU NEED TO BE A LITTLE FLEXIBLE!
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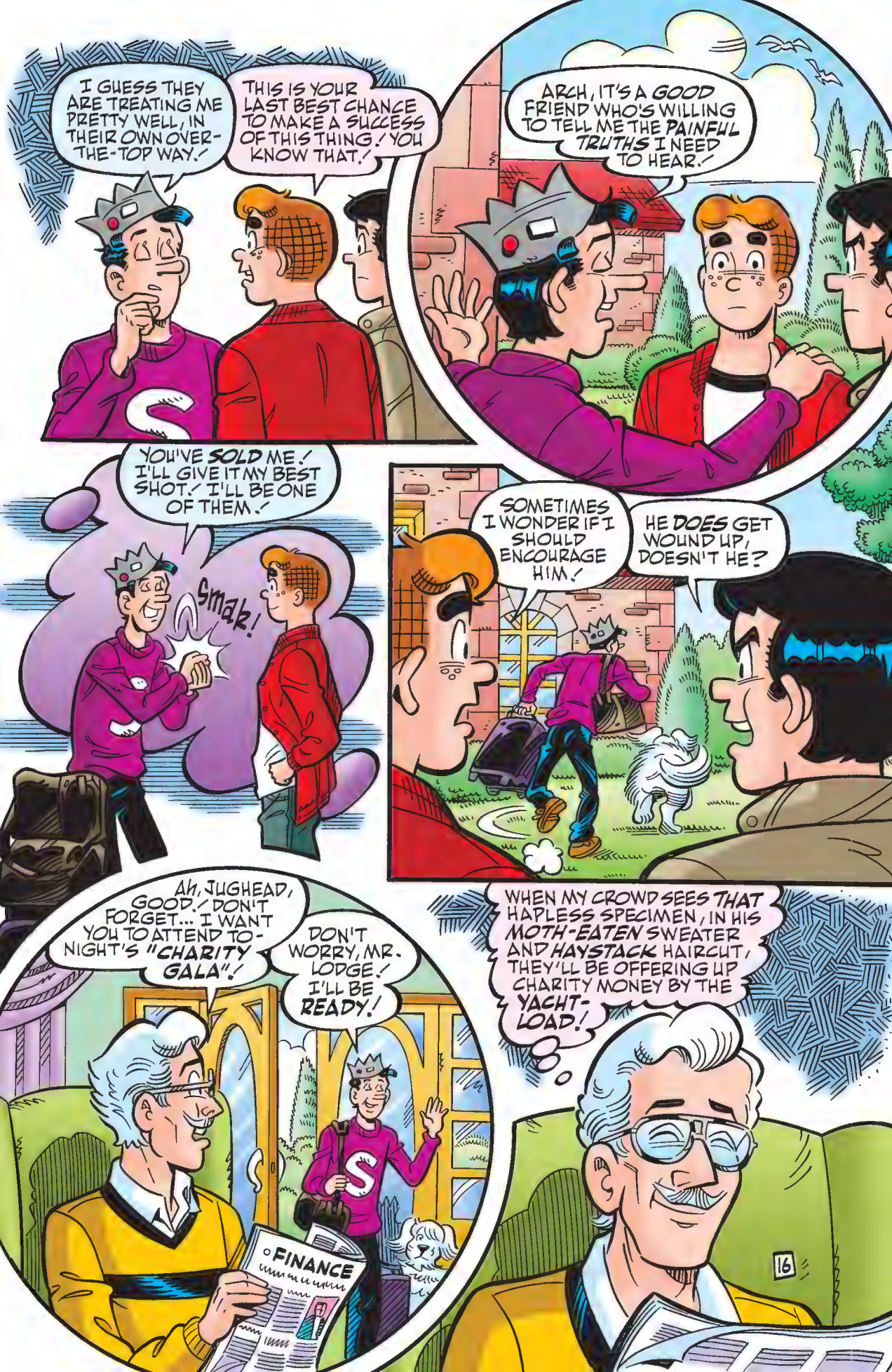
I GUESS THEY ARE TREATING ME PRETTY WELL, IN THEIR OWN OVER-THE-TOP WAY./
THIS IS YOUR LAST BEST CHANCE TO MAKE A SUCCESS OF THIS THING! YOU KNOW THAT./
ARCH, IT'S A GOOD FRIEND WHO'S WILLING TO TELL ME THE PAINFUL TRUTHS I NEED TO HEAR./
YOU'VE SOLD ME./ I'LL GIVE IT MY BEST SHOT./ I'LL BE ONE OF THEM./
Smak!
SOMETIMES I WONDER IF I SHOULD ENCOURAGE HIM./
HE DOES GET WOUND UP, DOESN'T HE?
Ah, JUGHEAD, GOOD./ DON'T FORGET... I WANT YOU TO ATTEND TONIGHT'S "CHARITY GALA"./
DON'T WORRY, MR. LODGE./ I'LL BE READY!
FINANCE
WHEN MY CROWD SEES THAT HAPLESS SPECIMEN, IN HIS MOTH-EATEN SWEATER AND HAYSTACK HAIRCUT, THEY'LL BE OFFERING UP CHARITY MONEY BY THE YACHT-LOAD!
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HOT DOG, WE OWE IT TO OUR HOSTS TO TRY AND BLEND IN WITH THE SWELLS!
"WHEN IN ROME," THEY SAY./ OF COURSE, ROME IS A DOWNRIGHT HOVEL COMPARED TO THIS FANCY JOINT./
SPEAKING OF HOVELS...
HON, AREN'T YOU COMING TO WATCH TV?
I'M READ-ING. :sigh:!
MY POOR SON! THEY SAY HE'LL COME CRAWLING HOME, TAIL BETWEEN HIS LEGS, MIRED IN DEFEAT...
MR. AND MRS. GOTLOT! SO LOVELY TO SEE YOU!
SO NICE TO HAVE A PURELY SOCIAL EVENING, AND NOT ONE OF THOSE INFERNAL CHARITY SHAKEDOWNS!
ER...YES! Heh!
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BOP!
OW!
PIP, PIP, OLD POMEGRANATES! HAS ANYBODY SEEN MY WICKET?
OH, NO!
FORSYTHE P. JUGGINGTON III! OF THE RIVERDALE JUGGINGTONS!
PARDON MY HORS D'OEUVRES!
RIVERDALE JUGGINGTONS? NEVER HEARD OF THEM!
PERHAPS YOU'RE NOT RICH ENOUGH TO HAVE HEARD OF US! FEW ARE!
EEK!
AH! YOU'VE MET MY ASSOCIATE, HOT DOGGINGSWORTH THE FOURTH!
OH, DEAR! IS THIS BEAST PEDIGREED?!
MY GOOD LADY, HE IS PEDIGREED, PATENTED, TRADEMARKED, COPYRIGHTED, AND APPROVED BY THE LATE, LAMENTED COMICS CODE AUTHORITY!
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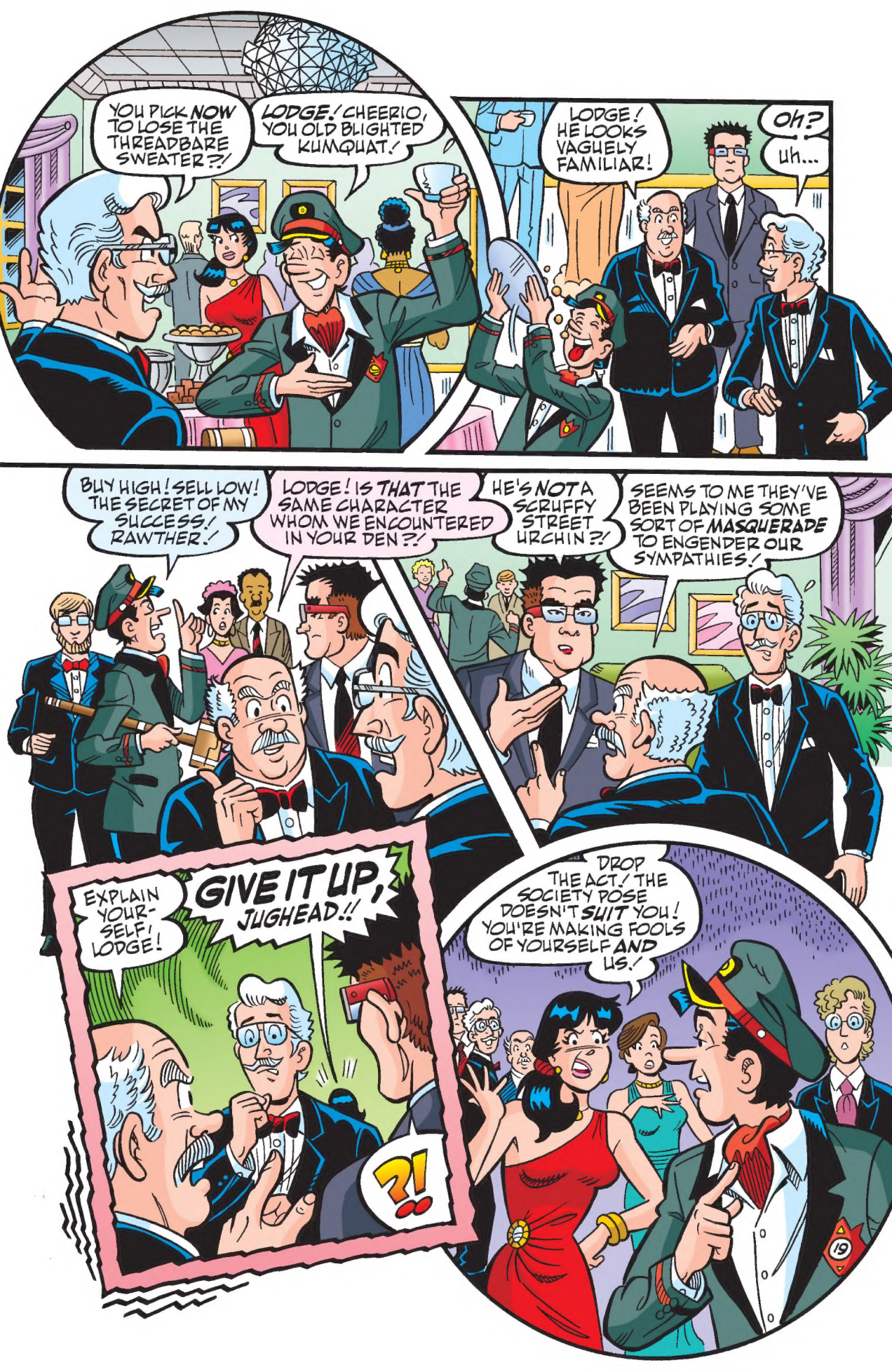
YOU PICK NOW TO LOSE THE THREADBARE SWEATER?!
LODGE! CHEERIO, YOU OLD BLIGHTED KUMQUAT!
LODGE! HE LOOKS VAGUELY FAMILIAR!
OH?
UH...
BUY HIGH! SELL LOW! THE SECRET OF MY SUCCESS! RAWTHER!
LODGE! IS THAT THE SAME CHARACTER WHOM WE ENCOUNTERED IN YOUR DEN?!
HE'S NOT A SCRUFFY STREET URCHIN?!
SEEMS TO ME THEY'VE BEEN PLAYING SOME SORT OF MASQUERADE TO ENGENDER OUR SYMPATHIES!
EXPLAIN YOURSELF! LODGE!
GIVE IT UP, JUGHEAD!!
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DROP THE ACT! THE SOCIETY POSE DOESN'T SUIT YOU! YOU'RE MAKING FOOLS OF YOURSELF AND US!
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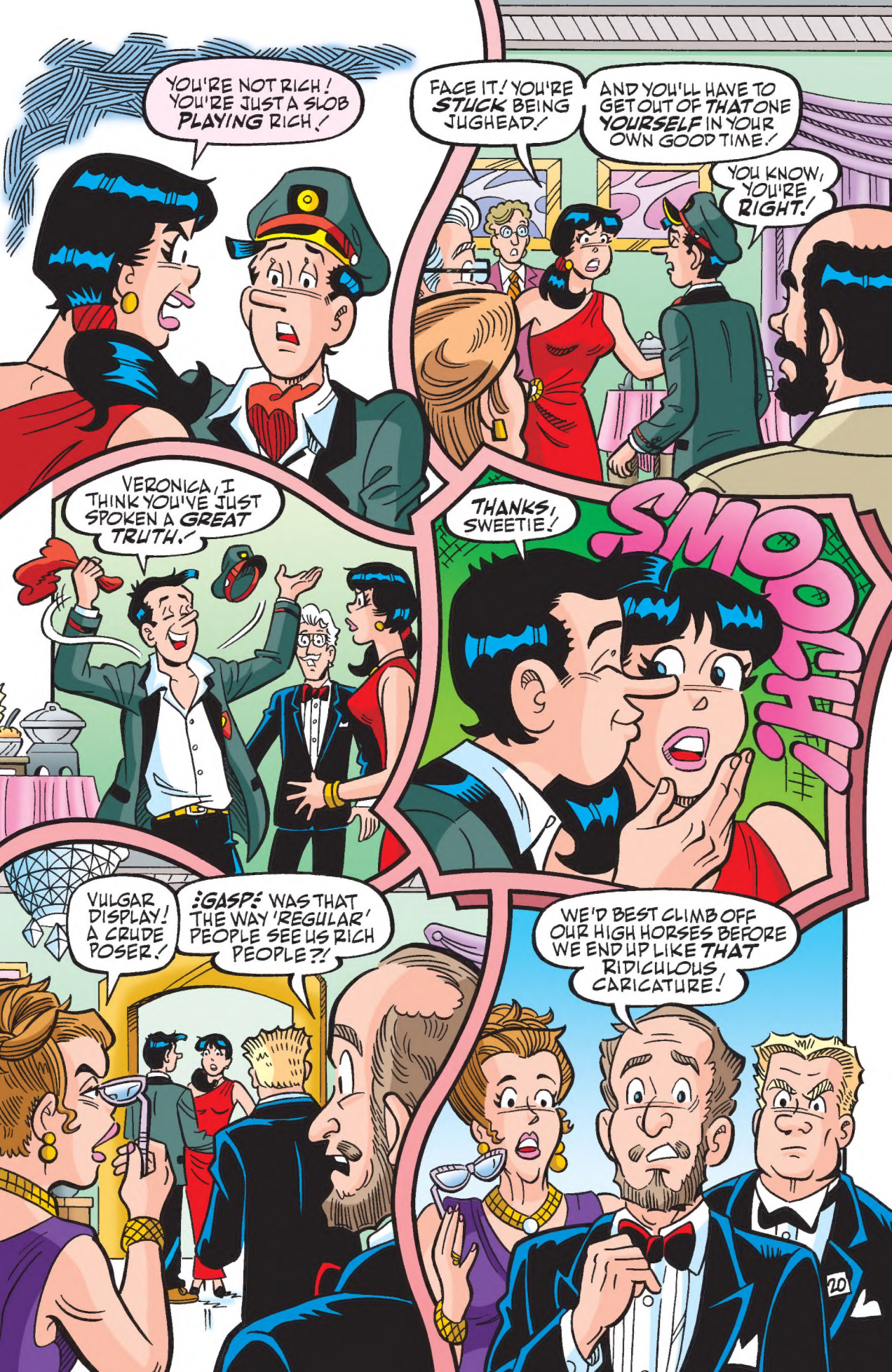
YOU'RE NOT RICH! YOU'RE JUST A SLOB PLAYING RICH!
FACE IT! YOU'RE STUCK BEING JUGHEAD!
AND YOU'LL HAVE TO GET OUT OF THAT ONE YOURSELF IN YOUR OWN GOOD TIME!
YOU KNOW, YOU'RE RIGHT!
VERONICA, I THINK YOU'VE JUST SPOKEN A GREAT TRUTH!
THANKS, SWEETIE!
SMOOCH!
VULGAR DISPLAY! A CRUDE POSER!
:GASP: WAS THAT THE WAY 'REGULAR' PEOPLE SEE US RICH PEOPLE?!
WE'D BEST CLIMB OFF OUR HIGH HORSES BEFORE WE END UP LIKE THAT RIDICULOUS CARICATURE!
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LODGE, WE'RE CHASTISED AND HUMBLED! IF WE CAN HELP WITH YOUR CHARITY DRIVES, TELL US HOW!
WELL, NOW!
SMITHERS, THIS WHOLE EXPERIENCE HAS TAUGHT ME A THING OR TWO!
I MAY HAVE MY FAULTS, BUT I'LL WORK 'EM OUT NATURALLY. IT'S A GROWING-UP THING!
AND EVEN THOUGH DAD GETS SHORT WITH ME AT TIMES, I HAVE A FEELING THAT DEEP DOWN, I KNOW HE'S GONNA TURN OUT ALL RIGHT.
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH US THAT GROWING THROUGH TEENHOOD WON'T FIX!
eh, HOT DOG?
HOW INTERESTING. 'BYE, NOW!
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SAY, CAN WE TROUBLE YOU NICE PEOPLE FOR SOME TRANSPORTATION?
ZZZ ...FEELING LIKE A FAILURE... DEFEATED... ZZZ
ZZZ uh? BEEP! BEEP! SLAM!
HONEY!! JELLYBEAN!!
COME QUICK!!
THAT'S FAILURE, JUGHEAD STYLE!!
THE END